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TO : Chief of Station, Lincoln

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SUBJECT { GENERAL KUGOWN  
SPECIFIC Suggested theme to discredit Communists

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1. The enclosed two clippings suggest a natural ally for KUGOWN purposes. The theme might be "Communists are making enemies for Guatemala even in Belize" for distribution in Guatemala. For distribution in Belize, the line could be "The Guatemalan Communists would swallow up Belize if they had full control in Guatemala."

2. Since the Communists have been stirring the Belize issue for a long time in order in part to gain some Irredentist type support, this theme may be a good one to cause much of their own propaganda work to backfire.

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## BRITISH HONDURAS GOES TO POLLS

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

**I**N the colony's first-ever General Election, British Honduras voters went to the polls yesterday to elect nine members to the Legislative Council of 15.

More than 3,000 people attended the People's United Party eve-of-poll meeting in Belize, addressed by Mr. George Price, the party's leader, who said: "This colony belongs neither to the United Kingdom nor Guatemala — it belongs to the people of this country under rights expressed in the United Nations Charter."

Aimed at discrediting P.U.P. prior to the elections the report of the inquiry into the party, conducted by Sir Reginald Sharpe, a former colonial judge in Burma, was published in London yesterday. Sir Reginald asserts that the P.U.P. had had contacts with the neighbouring Guatemala republic,

whose Liberal Government has pressed ahead with its policy of democratisation and land reform.

He asserts that the P.U.P. had received 500 dollars from Guatemala for the defence of four of its leaders charged with sedition, but he admits that he is not in a position to say from what source.

### LYTTELTON'S THREAT

He condemns the P.U.P. for arranging a supply of Guatemalan newsprint for its paper and because its leaders had met the Guatemalan President and a Minister.

Speaking in the House of Commons earlier this month, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, the Colonial Secretary, threatened to stop future constitutional reform in British Honduras if the P.U.P. is returned.